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RESPONSE TO 12 OCTOBER 2004 OFFICE ACTION  
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In Response to the Office Action of October 12, 2004, reconsideration of the objections and/or rejections and further examination of the application are requested.

Petition for Extension of Time to Respond

The period for response is hereby extended ONE month(s) to expire February 14, 2005 (February 12-13 being a weekend) by this Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time. A PTO-2038 including the appropriate petition fee of \$60 (37 CFR §1.17) accompanies this Response.

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